

# Pat Crane

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## Background

- Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, University of Alabama
- Master of Science, Engineering Mechanics, University of Alabama
- 30 years experience in manufacturing, engineering, strategic planning, and R&D
- Director of Manufacturing for MerCruiser Division of Mercury Marine in Stillwater
- Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt
- Theory of Constraints Program Management Technical Expert

Pat works directly with manufacturing companies providing needs assessment and team-based consulting on process improvement, finance, marketing, supply chain, workforce development and other operational issues in several central Oklahoma counties. With more than 30 years experience in manufacturing, engineering, commerce, government contracting and career technology, Pat has developed a sharp eye for how businesses get bound by operational inefficiencies and slowed growth—and how they can recover and become more strategically focused and successful organizations.

Before joining the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance, Pat held several leadership positions for MerCruiser, including three years as director of manufacturing for its factory in Stillwater where he was responsible for all production activities related to die cast, machining, paint, and assembly operations running multiple shifts. Prior to that he was director of quality for the Stillwater plant and a factory in Juarez, Mexico. He also served as strategic product planning manager/R&D engineering manager and as test and endurance engineering supervisor. For six years, he was lead engineer of the Structural Dynamics Group for General Dynamics Aircraft Division.

Pat is a certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and an expert in Theory of Constraints project management. He coordinates the Stillwater Area Manufacturers Council, which meets monthly to discuss industry best practices. His other community activities include serving on the Nalco Community Advisory Committee, Meridian Technology Center Machining Advisory Committee, Central Technology Center Business and Industry Services Advisory Committee, and the Stillwater Area United Way Board of Directors. Pat is a member of the St. Johns/St. Francis Xavier Catholic Churches.

## Notable Clients

- Advanced Steel and Crane
- Total Energy Fabrication
- Kirtz Shutters
- Vertical Aerospace
- FLIR Systems
- Frontier Electronic Systems
- National Standard
- ASCO Industries
- Zeco Machine
- Process Manufacturing
- Carefusion



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